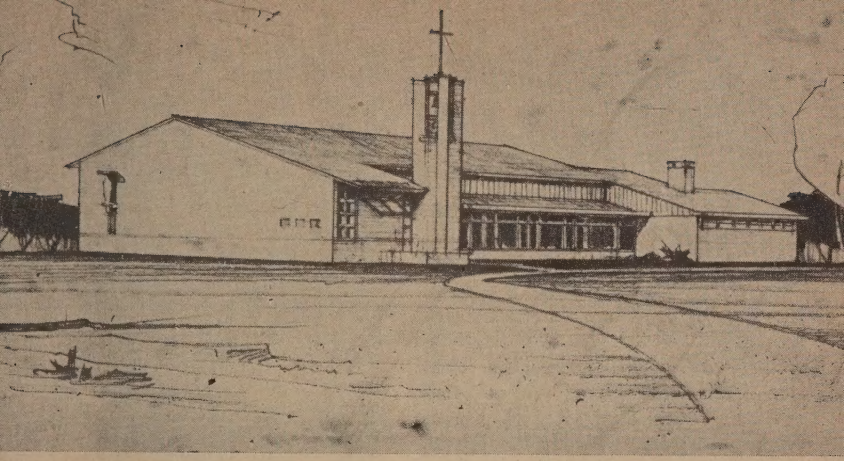

ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF PROPOSED NEW BUILDING
WICHITA PILGRIM

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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

JUNE 1952

On to Claremont

By plane, by train, by car—all roads lead to the General Council Meeting in Claremont, California, June 18-25. Delegates elected at Emporia are: Rev. Oscar E. Bonny, Anthony; Rev. Charles T. Brewster, Manhattan; Mr. Al Crawford, Wichita Fairmount; Mrs. John W. Gibson, Wichita Plymouth; Mrs. O. J. Gould, Kansas City Ruby; Mr. Roscoe W. Graves, Emporia First; Rev. Chas. W. Helsley, Topeka Central; Rev. C. Forsberg Hughes, Prairie Village Colonial; Mr. Wm. Manspeaker, Topeka First; Rev. S. Duane Ogden, Osborne; Rev. Louis Poppe, Whitewater; Rev. Fred Smith, Ellis; Mrs. Dale Turner, Lawrence Plymouth; Mr. E. C. Wedell, Great Bend; Rev. Malcolm White, Sabetha; Rev. Richard R. Zoppel, Wichita Pilgrim; Rev. E. L. Baker, Kansas City Ruby; Mr. Chester Bidleman, Kinsley: Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Osborne; Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Topeka First; Rev. L. M. Rymph, State Superintendent.

The Rev. S. Duane Ogden, The Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes and Mrs. Dale Turner, have found it impossible to attend. Their alternates, the Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell, the Rev. Archie Toothaker of Tonganoxie and Mrs. R. E. Booher of Topeka Seabrook, will go in their places.

The following from a letter by Dr. Douglas Horton, Secretary of the General, expresses the challenge of this great gathering:

"Dangers and opportunities lie before us. Two controversial issues—the proposed union with the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the review of the Council for Social Action—should be met squarely without even occasional failures in the spirit of Christian brotherhood.

Thrilling areas of Christian service will be opened to us. Can we rise above differences to face the splendid task with which "Our Christian World Mission" confronts us?

We believe we can if we keep the following points in mind. The Council needs our SPIRITUAL COOPERATION. It needs your prayers for God's guidance at the meeting from now thru the final session, and it needs your attendance at the devotional services and the Council itself.

The Council needs our PROMPT attendance at all sessions. We are representatives with important responsibilities.

The Council belongs to each of us. Be present at the beginning, participate as the Spirit moves you, REMAIN TO THE END, and return home to herald the Gospel of which we all propose to be worthy."

At the State Conference session in Emporia, Mr. Frank Korab, Nominee for Moderator of the General Council, was given unanimous endorsement. The election will take place at the first afternoon session on June 18. All Kansas delegates are urged to be present on time to cast their ballots for Mr. Korab. Dr. Walter Upton will give one of the seconding speeches. Mr. E. C. Wedell is chairman of the "Korab from Kansas for Moderator" Committee.

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"The New Moderator Speaking"

Greetings to all the members of our Kansas Congregational Christian Churches. It was a thrilling experience to be elected as the moderator of our Kansas Conference. I appreciate the honor and will do my best in fulfilling the responsibilities of the office. During the eleven years which I have spent in Kansas as Pastor of the Manhattan Church, I have been impressed repeatedly by the wonderful spirit of friendliness and cooperation which exists in our conference and in our churches throughout the state. I have found it at the ministers' convocations, at the association meetings, at the annual meetings of the conference, and at the Pilgrim Fellowship camps and rallies. I sensed it especially in the remarkable way in which you so generously helped our Manhattan church and the other flooded churches this past year. That gave me a new understanding of "the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." It is a privilege to be the Moderator of such a fine fellowship of Christian people.

More Members

As we look ahead into this next year, I want to point out a few of the high goals which challenge us. FIRST, MORE MEMBERS. We must add 2,121 new members to our churches during the next two years, if we are to meet our objective of 20,000 members by 1954. An active membership committee in every church will help us reach that goal.

O.C.W.M.

SECOND, more support for our CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION. The Missionary opportunities in this country and throughout the world call for an increase in our benevolence giving. We are asked to give an average of six dollars per member this year. Is your church carrying its share of that responsibility? To assist in the building of the many new churches which are needed to serve the increasing population of our country, we stand ready to cooperate wholeheartedly in the plans for raising an adequate Church Building Revolving Fund.

Christian Education

THIRD, More emphasis on CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. We need to devote more time and attention to the training of teachers for our Sunday School classes. Also we ought to encourage closer cooperation between the church and the home.

FOURTH, more interest in CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION. At present, only a few of our churches have social action committees. We need such groups in all our churches to cultivate a greater concern about applying Christian principles to the social and economic problems with which we are confronted. They can play an important part in strengthening the foundations of democracy.

We are nearing the completion of the first one hundred years of Congregationalism in Kansas. As we remember the bold forward-looking spirit of the pioneers who established those early churches, let us strive to show in our day the same faith, courage and devotion to Christ's teachings. Great things can be accomplished when people will work together with faith in God and in close cooperation with one another. It is my hope that through our Kansas conference this year, you and I may grow in our ability to do God's work.

Charles T. Brewster

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Ordination of Paul Nicely

Paul Lyman Nicely was ordained to the Christian ministry on Sunday evening, May 11th at the Central Congregational Church, Topeka, where he is serving as Director of Christian Education. The Ecclesiastical Council had been authorized by the Eastern Association and called by Central Church. The examination was held Sunday, May 4th, at 3:30 P.M., at which time Paul read his statement of faith and experience. Paul's training and experience is such as to make him ready for these days of ecumenical emphasis, for he grew up in Presbyterian circles, was educated in the college and seminary at Drake by the Disciples, and by choice and call he serves in our Congregational fellowship. His paper revealed the mind of a scholar with a strong bent to the teaching ministry. Eight of the churches of the Eastern Association sent ministers and fraternal delegates to the council.

The Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes, Moderator of the Association, was made chairman of the examining Council; the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones was made Moderator and the Rev. Elmer E. Erickson, the Association Registrar, was made secretary of the Ordination Council; other participating ministers shared responsibilities as follows: Invocation, Rev. Wm. Brizendine, First Christian Church of Independence, Missouri; Scripture Reading, President, Bryan S. Stoffer, of Washburn University; Sermon, Rev. Frank N. Gardner, College of Bible, Drake University; Prayer of Ordination, Rev. W. Tom Walmsley, Melbourne, Ia., Christian Church; Charge to the People, Rev. Charles W. Helsley, Minister of Central Congregational Church; The Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. L. M. Rymph.

The music of the service was outstanding, with the choir singing, "In Heavenly Love" by Mendelsohn, directed by Charles Sager with Mrs. Frederick B. Hunt, organist. The special solo was by the ordinands wife, Mrs. Paul Nicely, who sang, "The Voice In the Wildnerness" by John Prindle Scott. Following the ordination, a reception and tea for the Nicely's was held in the Sheldon Memorial Building Parlors.

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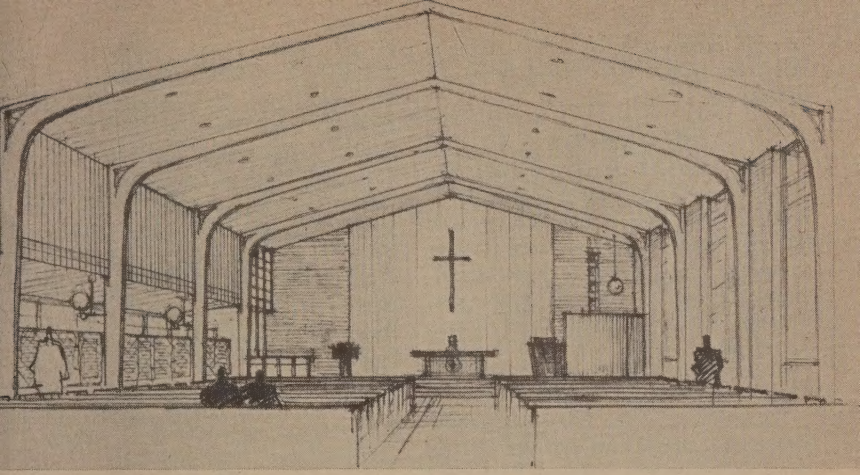

Wichita Pilgrim's Progress

Decision Made

As Pilgrim Congregational Church, Wichita, approached its birthday, its members realized that they would have to give serious attention to the matter of a building program. The church was founded April 29, 1951, with 194 charter members. Since then the membership has grown to 275 with over 300 children visiting the Church School. New people have been steadily moving into the new community which further necessitates increased space. In view of these facts the Pilgrims of Wichita made the decision to go forward with a building program as soon as possible.

A Building Committee was elected consisting of Richard Kimball, Chairman, Ray Corey, Grant Howard, John Miner and Milton Stewart. Members of the Building Advisory Committee are Mrs. Clarence Bugbee, Mrs. Robert Chandler, Mrs. B. G. Gossen, Mrs. David Holmes, Mrs. Richard Kimball, Mrs. Dean Spears and Mrs. James Wangemann, Mr. Ellis Adams, Mr. Robt. Fey, Mr. Kenneth Holke, Mr. Warren Palm and Mr. Robert Walker.

In consultation with Merle Rymph, our State Superintendent and William K. Newman of the Church Building Department of our Board of Home Missions, the congregation voted to hire Robert S. Mayberry as architect. Mr. Mayberry worked in Chicago and Denver, where he was connected with several architectural firms. A year ago he spent six months in Europe, studying the latest trends in architecture, especially in Sweden.

Unique Church

Unique church design is revealed in the above architect's sketch. The building is functional in design and contemporary in style. The new sanctuary will have a seating capacity of 300 and will be a multi-purpose room for worship, fellowship and social activities. Plans call for a choir room, separate family room for memorial services, a narthex, serving room and a utility room. A well lighted cloister will be built along the west side. The over all dimensions are 100 by 50 feet. The

exterior design will be enhanced by a bell tower with a cross reaching toward the sky.

Parsonage Too

Pilgrim Church plans to build a parsonage before the church sanctuary is completed, in order that the present building may be used entirely for the seemingly ever-growing church school. This will also provide the pastor and his family with a much needed private family life.

Dream To Reality

In order to make these plans and dreams become a reality, the church conducted a church building fund project under the leadership of Mr. Curtis Schumacher, Director of the Department of Church Finance. The church building fund committee had ten weeks to prepare for Mr. Schumacher's coming. The members of this committee were, Fred Merrill, General Chairman; Gale Breed, Chairman of the Canvassers, Roy Craig and Dave Holmes, Publicity; Floyd Davidson and Vince Parshall, Brochure. With a great deal of effort and no little sacrifice, the committee had everything in readiness for Mr. Schumacher when he arrived May 5th. The church canvassers received intensive training for four nights and some of the ladies of the church met with Mr. Schumacher in the afternoons. One could sense the growing enthusiasm of the canvassers during the week. Sunday, May 11, was "My Church Day" and the high point of the project. Richard Zoppel, the pastor, commissioned the canvassers and Mr. Schumacher preached at both services. After the eleven o'clock service the deaconesses of the church served the men a delicious meal. The canvassers received their final instructions, had their pictures taken and began the canvass. Canvassers were, Ellis Adams, Al Arrington, Warren Berquist, Leo Brandenberger, Gale Breed, Clarence Bugbee, Cleo Burden, Ed. Callison, Smith Carter, Floyd Davidson, Dean Giesecke, Clayton Goll, Bob Gorham, Benny Gossen, Bob Ison, Ralph Johnson, Ed Karns, Bill Keckler, Bob Kesterson, Dick Kimball, Fred Merrill, Charles Mull, Ray Nicolas, Warren Palm, Dick Philips, Steve Radley, Bob Reitz, Jim Rhodes, Delbert Savoy, Ken Sayre, John Shelton, Wally Springer, Milton Stewart, Bob Templer, Robbie Traxler, Ted Tredway, Dan Tyson, Bob Walker and Jim Wangemann.

Results

Despite the fact that it was Mother's Day, many of the members remained at home. At the 8:15 P.M., report the canvassers had received cash and pledges totaling $16,000.00. As this is being written the total has reached the $18,000.00 mark and all reports have not yet been made.

The church has benefited from its Building Fund Project in other than the financial results. New friends and membership prospects for the church were discovered. The canvassers became better acquainted with each other, developing a stronger feeling of unity among themselves. An interest in the deeper spiritual matters of the church was tapped and many people acquired new insights into the purpose and function of the church and the important role it plays in the lives of its members and the community.

There were no $1000.00 gifts, for there are no wealthy folks in the church, but there were many sacrificial gifts. The project was a testimony to the loyalty of a people who have had their church only a year, demonstrating their cooperation and their determination to "ARISE AND BUILD."

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Eastern Association

Important - Our Annual Reports! Is Yours In?

Fourteen of our presidents failed to mail their reports to the state officers as requested. This cuts our effectiveness, our unity and knowledge of our womens groups and our reporting percentage. If you haven't sent yours, please do so now as it will be helpful for next year's work.

Those reporting show good progress —special commendation should be given for the work in Friendly Service, for the use of our Guide Books and for the increasing numbers of groups operating under one unit. Splendid material is available through our Guide Books, Guide Posts and our State Devotional programs, in addition to the wealth of helps available to us in our Literature Department. Why not use these resources and see our programs grow in inspiration, in interest and in strength. Our literature chairman also has children's books available for our use.

Practically 100 percent of our groups have shown, by their gifts to the Woman's Gift and Memorial Fund, their devotion and realization of the privilege that is ours in sharing.

Plan now to attend Eastern Association next fall. We all need the inspiration and help gleaned from rubbing shoulders with others who are working toward the same goals that we are. Outstanding leadership on state, national and international levels always give us real incentive and stimulus for our work.

Let us all pull together to make our Kansas Congregational Woman's work a great power in our state for the work of our Master.

Mrs. Warren Rutter, President
Eastern Association

New Officers Elected

The Women's Department constitution limits the holding of office to two terms of two years each; hence each year there are some new officers elected.

Installed by Mrs. R. H. Garvey at the May meeting in Emporia, were the following new officers: Mrs. Guy Lewis of Kansas City Welborn as Spiritual Life Secretary; Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora as Christian Education Secretary; Mrs. James McCoy of Topeka First as Auditor and Mrs. Gordon Jones of Wichita Fairmount on the Investment Committee. Mrs. J. A. Schoen of Lenora on the Nominating Committee; Mrs. H. C. Arnspiger of Kansas City Ruby as Friendly Service Secretary for Eastern; Mrs. Henry Kittell of McPherson as Southern President; Mrs. W. J. Rudrauff of Wichita Plymouth as Social Action Secretary for Southern; Mrs. D. B. Joseph of Whitewater as Christian Education Secretary for Southern; Mrs. Fred Tetlow of Downs, Friendly Service for Western; Miss Jessie Hammond of Stockton, Christian Education Secretary for Western.

Money Not Sent

Gifts reported at State Conference by Hutchinson and McPherson as not credited on the annual listings, had never left the local treasuries, it was learned when records were checked following the Emporia meeting.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. A. N. Viers
Mrs Bernard Carlson
By Stockton Guild

Mrs. Mary Johnson
Mrs. Sally Rude
By Topeka Seaman Guild

Mrs. C. H. Mostrom
Mrs. Ed. Bason
By Garfield Women

Mrs. Newt Newlin
Mrs. Blanche Benton
Mrs. Ted Wienstroer
By Onaga Ladies' Aid

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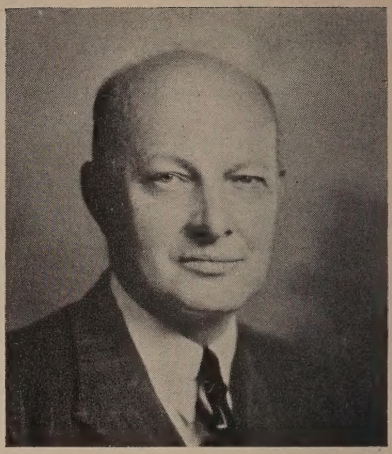
Guide Books Early

Through the untiring efforts of our Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bertha Tindal, the Guide Books have been completed early and are being mailed out to Presidents, Key Women and ministers' wives. A packet of material accompanies the book to each president. Having this big job out so early should help greatly in planning the year's programs in the local church.

Book Tea

Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, new Christian Education Secretary, suggests that local women's groups promote Christian Education in the churches by a "Book Tea" in early fall. Have on display the fall church school materials, reading books for fall courses, Home Books and Family Books, as well as the new Missionary Study books with a well-versed person to interpret them.



Dr. Stanley U. North

Fall Guest Leaders

For the Fall Statewide Mass Meeting and Planning Conference to be held at Great Bend, September 7 and 8, we have been very fortunate in securing Dr. Stanley U. North, General Secretary of the Division of Church Extension and Evangelism, as our guest leader.

For many years Dr. North was secretary of the City Work Department. During these years he gave leadership and encouragement to the relocating and rebuilding of Kansas City First Pilgrim, Topeka First and Kansas City Ruby, and Garden City; also the establishing of our new Colonial Church at Prairie Village. He has been a constant inspiration to Congregational progress in Kansas.

As Dean of the Pastor's School in Colorado, he has made many friends. We will welcome him as our guest in September.

For our Fall Association Meetings, Miss Alice Huggins, recently returned from Communist China, will be one of our guest leaders.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President **Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary**

Rev. Elmer E. Erickson

"A Friend Indeed"

One week before camps were to open, word came that our good friend, Uncle Fuzzy Hughes, Junior Hi Camp Director, had been taken to St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. As we go to press his condition has not been fully diagnosed, but his Doctor thinks he will be in the hospital about two weeks and has definitely stated that he can not come to camp. We are all so very sorry and we do wish him a speedy recovery.

It seemed that the simplest answer to the problem would be to get Uncle Elmer Erickson, Senior Camp Director, and State Sponsor, to carry on thru Junir Hi Camp. After an hour to think and talk it over, he called back to say he would do his best.

We like this fine spirit and I am sure we will all respond with a like spirit of cooperation to make this year's camps the best ever. If early registrations are an indication, we are going to have a good attendance with Junior Hi enrollments running much larger than Senior.

Southern Rally at Hutchinson

We came in conflict with a few Junior-Senior banquets and track meets, but still managed to have an inspiring Rally in Hutchinson on April 25-26. There were about sixty in attendance and all went away with the determination to make their programs at home more effective.

We were glad to get acquainted with the Rev. Paxton Smith from Independence, who is new to our conference. He gave an inspiring talk on Friday evening, followed by a communion service conducted by the host pastor, Dr. Hornung. Rev. Jones got us off to a good start on Saturday morning by urging us to "get off the bench" and start playing the game. Kathy Wilson and Norky Jones led discussions on our Missionary Action program and on the formation of local Youth Councils. Each did a good job.

There was fun too at the Rally, notably two hours of square dancing on Friday evening. Camp slides got us all excited about June 1 and we should have a goodly attendance there.

Particular thanks should go to Doris Bonnell of Hutchinson for a grand job of "hosting" the Rally, and to Barbara Bell of McPherson who kept us singing on both days.

John Rossel, reporting.

P. F. Officers' Retreat

will be held at the Rymph's in Topeka on July 13 and 14. All State and Association officers plus the National P.F. Council delegates will attend.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

La Foret Is Calling

Leadership Workshop — July 30-August 3

Use of Pilgrim Series

All church school teachers, ministers and church members interested in more effective teaching in your church school are urged to take advantage of the four great days awaiting them at LaForet. Plans have been made to use the Fall Pilgrim Series materials for demonstration in the Departmental Workshops. Even if your church does not use Pilgrim Series this will offer an opportunity to become acquainted with the materials as well as other practical helps and good educational methods. The Fall theme is on "THE BIBLE". Other courses will be offered and are listed on the following schedule:

WEDNESDAY, July 30

2 - 4 P.M. Registration
4:00- 5:00 Meet with Workshop Staff
4:30- 5:00 Conference with parents
5:30 Children (up to 5 years) to dining room
6:00 Dinner
7:00 7:30 Parents and small children in cabins
7:45 Vespers
8:15 Fellowship

THURSDAY, July 31

7:30 A.M. Matins (Small children to dining room)
8:15 Breakfast
9:00-11:15 Departmental Workshops
11:15-11:45 Recess
11:45 Small children to dining room

Miss Grace Storms
Children's Work Secretary
Division of Christian Education

12:15 Luncheon
1:00- 2:00 Rest
2:00- 2:45 Optional study or recreation
2:45- 3:00 Recess
3:00- 4:00 Dr. Allen Wehrli on Old Testament
3:00- 5:00 Children's Program supervised by Mrs. Myra Auten
4:15- 5:15 Miss Grace Storms presents Pilgrim Series concerns
5:15- 5:45 Recess

5:45	Small children to dining room
6:15	Dinner
7:45- 8:15	Vespers
8:30- 9:30	Dr. Wehrli lecture on Old Testament
9:30	Fellowship
(Friday)	Mrs. Myra Auten—Story telling and choral reading

Friday, Saturday—Same daily program

SUNDAY, August 3

7:30 A.M.	Matins
8:15	Breakfast
9:30-10:30	Mrs. Auten will continue story-telling and choral reading
10:45-11:30	State groups meet
11:45	Small children to dining room
12.15	Dinner and farewells

Workshop Leaders

Dr. Allen Wehrli, Old Testament Professor at Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Grove, Mo., will be especially helpful this year since the Fall materials are on the study of "The Bible."

Miss Grace Storms says "Personalities shape the course of history. Our personalities are inevitably shaped by the kind of persons with whom we live, work and play, and we in turn affect them. The kind of persons we are helping create *today* will make a major difference in determining the nature of the world our children will have *tomorrow*." She will teach the Primary group.

Miss Mary Grubbs, graduating this spring from the Oberlin School of Theology and newly elected minister at Creede, Colorado, will work with Kindergarten children and teachers. .

Mrs. T. A. Howell, Wichita, is a member of the Kansas Christian Education Committee and will be teaching Junior children.

Rev. William E. Meyer, Minister at Grand Junction, Colorado will be working with Junior High and Young People. Mr. Meyer was Minister of Youth in Northern California Conference before coming to Colorado.

Rev. Vincent Crane, Minister from Aberdeen, S. D. will present some new methods for adult teaching. This should have special appeal since adult classes are very much in evidence in this section.

Rev. Paul Nicely, Minister of Education at Central Congregational Church, Topeka, will have charge of recreation and fellowship periods.

Rev. Royal Gibson, Superintendent of the Central-South Conference, will serve as chaplain for matins and vespers.

Mrs. Doris D. Auten, Director of Children's Work at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Denver, will direct the program for children.

Family Housing

This Leadership Workshop is unique in that it provides a program for the entire family. However, it is necessary to limit children who are under three years of age.

Cost

A registration fee of $2.00 is payable before July 20. After that registration is $3.00. Board and room for children over eight and adults is $12.00. Children under eight pay $6.00 for room and board.

Limited Registration

Kansas has a quota of 50 this year. We urge you to get your registration in early. Plan now to come to LaForet. Remember the dates—July 30-August 3.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, Chairman

Mr. Charles Armstrong
Secretary-Treasurer
Laymen's Fellowship

Plxasx xxcusx xrrors

Wx do wish you would xxcusx xxrrors. Wx rxally arx ashamxd of this part of thx magazinx. Wx had just about finishxd all thx work on this issux whxn onx of thx lxttxrs on thx old typxwritxr just complxtxly took out. Many xfforts wxrx madx to gxt this littlx mxmbxr of thx working forcx to carry on his part, but hx just could not bx movxd to act, so wx had to ask anothxr to do his work. Wx arx making no apology for thx work of this "Pinch-hittxr". Hx is doing bxttxr than most of us could xxpxct. You sxx, hx is doing his own work and thx work of anothxr. Wx arx ovxrworking him, but hx doxsn't sxxm to mind. Wx xxprxss to him our dxxp apprxciation.

It just occur d to this writxr that thx work of thx congrxgation looks about likx that to thx Lord whxn onx of thx mxmbxrs takxs out. Pxrhaps thosx who takx out nxvxr think of how much thxy arx missxd, and how incomplxtx thx work will bx without thxm. But no onx would havx guxsssxd that thx inactivity of just onx littlx mxmbxr on this kxyboard would causx us to almost fail in our work this month on thx Magazinx. But doxsn't it look txrriblx? If this writxr is corrxct in fxxling wx may look likx this to thx Lord, what can wx say for oursxlvxs in day of rxckoning??

Thx Xditor

La Foret Laymen's Conference

The Second Annual Regional Laymen and Women's Fellowship Conference will be held at La Foret August 10-17. The cost per person for the week is $27.50.

Workshops will include Bible Study, Family Life, Men's Work, Churchmanship, Women's Work and The Christian and His Daily Work.

Leaders will include Miss Margaret Hargrove, Dr. Paul Reynolds, Rev. Diosdada Magdramo, Mr. LeRoy Eide and Mr. Robert Cashman.

Interest Groups on Photography, Crafts, Painting, and Visual Aids will be held in the afternoon. The Evening Programs will feature inspirational addresses, campfires, picnics, talent night, group singing and other surprises.

Reservations must be sent by August 1 with $7.50 toward the total cost to Rev. C. M. Hicks, Colorado Conference, 3380 Bellaire St., Denver 7, Colorado.

Historic Church Burns

On Monday, May 12 the old stone church on the hillside overlooking Mill Creek Valley was gutted by fire, leaving only the walls shown in the picture above standing. The building known as the Eliot Union Congregational Church was built in 1882 but the congregation dates back to 1875. The church, named after the Eliot Congregational Church in Newton, Mass., was a mission project of the eastern church. Some members of the Mass., church settled at Maple Hill on their trek westward and interested their eastern friends in the mission church. Built by the labor of the members, the building was financed by the Congregational Building Society. The congregation worshipped in the stone building until 1904 when the town was definitely settled one mile east on the Rock Island railroad.. Since then the congregation has worshipped in a frame structure in Maple Hill and the old building has been used only for Memorial services.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Harald Wisegarver, the frame building has been remodeled and beautified, but church school facilities are greatly needed. It is hoped that the small insurance returns from the recent fire can be turned to more adequate Christian Education facilities for the children and young people of the community.

A Birthday Gift

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard R. Zoppel announce the arrival of a second daughter, Christina Lee, born May 24 at Wesley Hospital on her father's birthday.

Rose Festival

This annual event at Topeka Central has grown with each passing year. It is scheduled on the Sunday when the Paul's Scarlet roses are at their best; this year it was held June 8th.

Wedding Bells

On June 7 the Rev. Howard Poetter, minister of our Congregational and E & R Churches at Leavenworth was married to Marietta Higley of Osawatomie, Kansas.

Haven

Thirty-five people attended the Easter Sunrise breakfast sponsored by the Couples Class. They also arranged an Easter party for the Nursery and Primary Departments of the Church School. These departments recently packed and sent clothing to Korea.

Wichita Plymouth Hosts

The 1953 State Conference will be held at Wichita Plymouth, May 5, 6, and 7 with the Rev. Charles T. Brewster as presiding Moderator. Plymouth's new $275,000.00 educational building will be completed; we look forward to these days in Wichita.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Kansas giving to this worthwhile project was the largest in history this spring—a total of $3,938.27. Wichita Plymouth topped the list of givers with $1055.00 sent in since our May Magazine. We hope that in the spring of 1953 every church in the state will participate in this worthy sharing project.

Rev. Myron C. Settle
New minister at Downs

Pastoral Changes

Ed. Howard Resigns

At a called meeting at Kansas City Welborn, on May 4th, the resignation of Edward Howard as pastor was accepted, in order that he might remain a chaplain in the navy. The interim pastor, Reuben Trickey, was then voted a call to become regular minister, effective immediately. Mr. Howard had served this church since 1946, coming to it from extended service in the Navy Chaplaincy during World War II. He remained in the Reserves and was one of the first chaplains recalled at the beginning of the Korean crises two years ago. Rueben Trickey came to the church after a successful five year pastorate at Alton, Illinois. It is a tribute to his effective work as interim pastor that he has been made permanent minister of this important church in our fellowship.

K.C. Rosedale Seeks Leadership

Kansas City Rosedale has accepted the resignation of the Rev. John Alfred Nansen, who has accepted a call to the Congregational Church in Cresco, Iowa where he begins his labors on August 1st. Mr. Nansen led the church in a complete remodeling program and in the construction of a religious education and fellowship building. On his last Sunday in the pulpit, the church will burn the mortgage on this building which houses one of our largest church schools in the conference. This church offers a needed and constructive field of labor and is now busy seeking a new minister.

Benson Resigns

On May 22nd the McPherson Church reluctantly voted to accept the resignation of their beloved pastor, the Rev. Vernon Benson, who has been suffering from a prolonged illness at Mayo Clinic. Mr. Benson's letter of resignation expresses a fine and sensitive spirit, appreciative of the many courtesies and words of encouragement extended to him in his period of illness. He adds: "During these months we have been keenly aware of the fact that our church has not had the pastoral care that it needs and deserves. Preaching is not enough, the daily care of a pastor is essential for a living church. Therefore, with deep regret we present our resignation from the pastorate we cherish most deeply." Our heartfelt prayers follow the Bensons as they make the difficult adjustments involved in this prolonged illness.

Garden City

The Rev. Marvin Brown writes from Denver that he will resume his work at Garden City, September first. He has supplied First Plymouth at Denver and worked on his doctorate during

he winter. The church at Garden City as been ably led by the Rev. A. H. Bartter as interim minister. Mr. Brown vrites as have many others, "Al and is wife have done exceedingly well t Garden City and we are all hoping hat they are relocated equally well." Vacant Kansas Churches will do well o secure the leadership of this pair vho have served so effectively in this nterim period.

Good Resigns at Haven

The Rev. Charles M. Good has resigned from the pastorate at Haven o take up residence at 223 E. 12th St., in Hutchinson. Mr. Good writes: 'We are not tired or retired, we do ot care to do any more moving, but ve are willing to go wherever we can erve." Mr. Good has had fruitful astorates at Eureka, Plevna, Gaylord nd Haven. Churches in the Hutchnson area may contact him at his home f they need a supply.

Schwarz To New Post

The Rev. and Mrs. Heinz Schwarz egan labors at the Blue Mound Fedrated Church and the Mound City ommunity Congregational Church, une first. Their home is at Blue Mound. The church school, couples ub and youth work has been greatly rengthened at Onaga under their adership. We are wishing them well their new pastorate.

Parks Resigns

The Rev. H. M. Parks resigned at owanda June 1st and began field ork for the Kansas Children's Serve League. Mr. Parks will be free to rve churches week-ends or do supply eaching.

Rev. Malcolm F. Miller

The Rev. Malcolm F. Miller retired om active pastorate at Doniphan, Nebraska and established residence at Morrill, Kansas, May first. Churches in northeast Kansas may well look his way as supply preaching is needed. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Miller to Kansas.

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Painful Injuries

Rev. Noah Unruh of Plymouth Church of Sedgwick had a serious and painful accident in the early spring. He was doing some repair work in the church when the ladder on which he was standing slipped and he fell, injuring his wrist and back. He was hospitalized for sometime, but was finally able to return to his home and to take up his pastoral duties.

To Seminary

Henry Bradshaw, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Bradshaw of Topeka, left early in June for Hartford, Conn., to begin studies at Hartford Theological Seminary next fall. Mrs. Bradshaw, the former Evelyn Millison, past president of Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, plans to teach in Hartford.

Publication Writer

The Rev. Fred Smith has been asked to write devotional meditations on the International Sunday School lessons for the spring quarter of 1953, the same to appear in our denominational magazine, "The Church in the Home."

Lou Bender to Topeka

The Rev. Lou Bender of C.T.S., with his wife is spending the summer in Topeka where Mr. Bender is in the Council of Clinical Training at the Boys' Industrial school.

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Per Capita Dues - 1953

Of all the sums of money collected by our churches and sent through the state conference office, the least understood is "Fellowship Dues," commonly called "The Per Capita Tax," because it is based strictly on the number of members each church lists in our national Year Book.

By vote of the State Conference in May, the dues in Kansas, beginning in 1953 will be 20 cents per member instead of 15 cents, divided as follows: FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL 16 cents—This includes not only the administrative expense of the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, and the International Council of Congregational Churches. Three of the 16 cents will go into the General Council travel fund and is then divided equally to aid in the expense of regularly elected delegates to the General Council. FOR KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, 1 cent—This is our share in promoting interdenominational activities in Kansas. FOR THE STATE CONFERENCE— 2 cents—This sum pays the necessary expense of our annual state conference meeting, and the greater part of the cost of printing the Annual Minutes and directory. And last, FOR THE THREE ASSOCIATIONS, 1 cent—which cares for the expense of the annual association meetings, and sums for postage and printing during the year.

This total of only 20 cents per member cares for the national structure of Congregationalism. In this structure, no body has authority over any other. "The whole is held together by sheer loyalty and the joy of fellowship in Christ."

In our free fellowship it is noteworthy that while the Fellowship Dues are entirely voluntary, the loyalty of the churches of Kansas make their payment as dependable as the payment of taxes. No penalty is visited upon a church that fails in this commitment, but all churches that pay in full are starred in the Year Book and in Congregational Kansas.

Don't work for the star! Pay Fellowship Dues "not because you must, but because you may." This payment is a token of the free ideals which bind us all together.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK
September 28 to October 5
Plan Fitting Observance

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The Word of Life in Living Language

Ninety communities in Kansas have notified Milton R. Vogel, Executive Secretary of the Kansas Council of Churches that they will observe the "Red Letter Days"—September 28 to October 5 with special services introducing the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It is estimated that 3000 communities in the United States and Canada will have special Union Services on the night of September 28th, where five carefully selected laymen will be recognized to receive the new editions of the Bible as gifts. The early popularity of the Revised Standard Edition is attested by the fact that Thomas Nelson Co., the publishers, have printed 1,000,000 copies to meet the advance orders.

Two questions naturally arise, why do we need this new translation, and why the strong demand attested by thesee advance orders. Both questions are answered as one discovers three needs fulfilled in this translation. First; English words have changed their meaning since the King James translation was first edited in 1611. It is estimated by the translators that 300 words convey altogether different meanings than they did then. EXAMPLES: the word translated "let" in 1611 really means today "hinder", "allow" means "prone", "comprehension"-"conduct", "ghost"-spirit", "allege"-"prove", "demand"-"ask".

The second reason rests in the fact that a closer, more careful study of the old and new manuscripts reveal false and inaccurate translations of Greek and Hebrew in the 1611 translation. For example, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, reported by the King James translators to say, "Take no thought for the morrow" - when what Jesus really and according to the new translators said was, "Be not anxious for the morrow." When the Aposlte Paul is reported to have said, "I know nothing by myself" - what he really said was, "I know nothing against myself."

The third need answered is one that satisfies the demands of the mod-

Rev. Philip M. Widenhouse
Mass Meeting - Guest Leader

ern temper - the words of the new translation are less archaic and more intelligible. The words, "thou, thee and thine" are no longer used and verbs ending in "edst and est" like wise outdated are given the endings of the present usage. This latter consideration alone should make for more popular reading and common usage in the pulpit and in the home.

Confidence in the translation is assured when one observes that both Professor Edgar J. Goodspeed and Professor James Moffat were key members of the translating committee; chaired by Dr. Luther A Weigle. The 91 scholars have been working since 1930 to produce this modern translation. "The Word of Life" has been translated "In Living Language".

What better recognition could be added to the admiral achievement of modern scholars than the universal acceptance of the translation and the restoration of Bible reading at the center of family life and church worship!

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Films for Fall

"More for Peace" is the stewarship film for 1952. It is a sound movie in black and white which runs for 45 minutes. Get your request in early as only two copies are in circulation.

Human Rights - Filmstrips

"Rebirth in Roxbury" - recorded script
"This is Delmo" - recorded script
"Ho Washte and Grandmother River"
"Boys of Southern Mountains" (6-12 years)
"Nonebah of the Navajos" (6-12 yrs)

Africa - Filmstrips

"African Panorama - recorded script
"Sumo, A Boy of Africa" (6-12 yrs)

The Bible - Filmstrips

"The Child and the Bible"
"The Story of Our Bible"
"The Bible Through the Centuries"

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Midwest Regional Meeting

October 21-23, 1952
First Church Toledo, Ohio

PROGRAM

Mr. Robert Cashman
General Council Moderator
Dr. Ronald Bridges
Dr. Albert Stauffacher
Dr. Paul Kershner
Margaret Hargrove
Walter Graham
Defiance College Choir

Theme

LET THE CHURCH BEAR THE WITNESS

Meet: Missionaries, Nationals, Leaders
See: Materials, Methods, Exhibits.

William J. Manspeaker
Area Director - Building Fund

"Building With Love and Gratitude"

It seems very significant that the one huidred years of service of the Congregational Church Building Society is marked with the launching of a campaign to raise $4,500,000.00 to be added to the loan funds of this society. By unanimous vote, the general Council approved the campaign to be made during the 1952-1954 biennium and pledged devotion and support to the project.

Probobly no conference in the fellowship has been so deeply moved by the importance of the campaign as has Kansas. We know what such a Revolving Fund can mean as Colonial Church at Prairie Village and our new Wichita Pilgrim Church could not have been born without generous help from such a fund. There are other non-churched areas in Kansas where we could establish churches were further funds available. Two outstanding Kansas laymen have left their businesses to give full time to thos fund raising campaign. Mr. Wm. Manspeaker of Topeka First has been chosen Director of the Denver area made up of eleven states of which Kansas is one. He has moved his family to Denver with headquarters at 701 Kittredge Building, and has been hard at work on the territory since July 1.

Mr. Frank Korab has accepted directorship of the Cleveland area and has moved from Kansas City to Cleveland, Ohio. We shall miss these two fine laymen from our closer fellowship, but are proud that Kansas had laymen to match the job - the only two laymen chosen among the six area directors.

State and association committees are being formed. Mr. Manspeaker will be at association meetings to tell us more about plans. Together we will "build with love and gratitude."

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Forty Years In Ministry

August 18 was a gala occasion for Dr. Samuel Le Page at Stockton. The church set aside this day to honor Dr. LePage for his 40 years of service as a minister and educator. For six years Dr. Le Page served as a minister in Northeast, Ohio, then for three years in New England. He then went into educational work, returning to the pastorate at North Reading, Mass. in 1943. He was called to Stockton in 1949. During this pastorate Mrs. Le Page has been active in the local church and Christian Education Chairman for Western Association, Women's Dept. Last summer Dr. Le Page began to fail in health; doctors thought it wise for him to retire this fall. We wish the Le Page's the best as they take up residence at Rowley, Mass., October first.

Rev. Emmons E. White
Association Guest

Around the Associations

Fresh from Aruppukottai, India the Rev. Emmons White, American Board Missionary since 1917, will come to Kansas for our Fall Association Meetings. In his work as District Missionary of large rural areas in India he has traveled many miles annually; often under primitive conditions. India loves to sing and Mr. White has made a specialty of Indian Music as perhaps no other missionary has ever done. Many times he has written out his talks in Tamil and set them to music, thus reaching many hearts otherwise closed to his messages. A native of Connecticut, Mr. White was educated at Yale University.

Miss Alice Margaret Huggins who arrived home from China May 1st after being held for fifteen months by the Communists, will bring us her message. Miss Huggins went out to China in 1917 as one of thirty who went into Christian Life Service from Topeka Central during the ministry of Dr. Charles M. Sheldon. She has an interesting but tragic story to tell.

Christian Education plans and projects will be presented in the form of a skit arranged by the State Committee. Special presentations will be made by the committees on Stewardship, Evangelism and the Church Building Fund.

Plan now for a full delegation at the meeting in your association.

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Stella McCoy Retires

On June 24 Mrs. Stella McCoy tendered her resignation to the Maize Congregational Church to take effect August 31. On retiring Mrs. McCoy carries with her memories of 41 years of active service in the fellowship. With her husband, Robert McCoy, twelve churches were served in the years 1904-1938 when Mr. McCoy retired from the pastorate at Maize. Their first church together was a missionary project at Piney Woods, La. The other churches served were in Oklahoma and Kansas. Mrs. McCoy served many years as a licensed minister and was ordained at Maize in March 1947. We join the Maize Church in expressing our appreciation to this devoted worker for her willingness to serve beyond the normal years of retirement. Mrs. McCoy will continue to make her home at 817 N. Broadway in Wichita.

New Buildings

Construction on the new educational building at Wichita Fairmount is under way after weeks of delay due to the steel strike. Construction on the new santuary at Wichita Pilgrim is expected to begin October 1. Topeka Seabrook has bought lots to the south and west of their present building.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Foundations for Freedom

The French historian Guizot one time asked James Russell Lowell how long he expected the American Republic to endure. He replied, "So long as the ideas of its founders continue to be dominant." Those basic ideas upon which our democracy was established were Christian convictions. The founders of our nation believed in the worth of every individual and in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. They belived that freedom is man's birthright. Christian faith planted and cultivated those beliefs. The great danger today is that we are neglecting those Christian foundations of our freedom. Thirty-four million men and women in our country are not members of any religious group. Seventeen million children and young people are growing up without any religious instruction in home or school or church. Dr. Elton Trueblood points out the danger when he says that we today have only "a cut-flower civilization" - one which has been severed from the roots which produced it. If we want to provide a heritage of freedom for the future it is important for us to turn our attention to these roots and ideas and convictions which are the foundations for freedom.

It is the job of Christian education to implant the Christian principles which will sustain freedom and make us fit to be free. It is a task which calls for the combined efforts of home and church. A Church Family Night when the program of the Sunday School can be explained to the parents will help to develop the spirit of cooperation. Many more of our church members should be willing to accept and fulfill the responsibility of teaching the Sunday school classes. We all should be able to find time for such important work. Lack of training and experience can be quickly remedied. The Sunday School offers you a chance to help boys and girls understand what is in the Bible and what it means to be a Christian.

The theme for the curriculum material in the Pilgrim Series this fall and winter will be the Bible. Very appropriately these lessons will coincide with the publication of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible which will be released on September 30. All Sunday School teachers and parents will welcome this new version of the Bible because it is translated into language which is easy to understand. This would be a good time to revive the old custom of reading the Bible in the home. Plan to use "The Bible Quiz Book" which is the Pilgrim Series Family Book for the fall. A book about Bible history and geography such as Lewis Browne's "Graphic Bible" would be helpful. Let's read and study the Book of Books this year. The Bible was the source from which came convictions which motivated the founders of our nation. It can continue to give strength to the foundations of freedom.

—Charles T. Brewster
Moderator, 1952-53

Church School Area Institutes

Miss Ruth Curry, Editor of Children's Publications for Congregational-Christian Churches, will be our guest

resource leader in our churches September 26-October 3. Emphasis will be given to the educational philosophy and use of the Bible in our curriculum, teacher training in the local church and the church and home program.

Churches in the area of the host church are invited to participate in institutes being held from about 3:00 to 8:30 p.m., on these dates in the following churches:

September 26—Topeka Central
September 27—Centralia
September 28—Manhattan
September 29—Downs
September 30—Kinsley
October 1 —Wichita Plymouth
October 2 —Emporia First
October 3 —Kansas City First Pilgrim

These institutes are being conducted during Religious Education Week when the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be introduced. We urge that you make every effort to have your church school teachers attend. Miss Curry is well qualified to answer many questions regarding one of our most important teaching mediums - CURRICULUM. She was a resource leader at LaForet Leadership Work shop in 1951.

Leadership Workshop

Delegations from Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas were present at the Regional Church School Leadership Workshop held at LaForet, July 30-August 3.

Kansas leadership included Miss Pauline Bloomer of the Conference Staff —Co Director, the Rev. Paul Nicely of Topeka Central— Recreation Leader and Mrs. T. A. Howell of Wichita Fairmount—Junior Leader.

Kansas Church delegations included: Garden City, Mr and Mrs. Ralph Kron; Independence, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ferguson; Lenora, Mr. Lenora Cutting and Kay, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson and Carl Louis, Mrs. C. E. Personnet and Gloria; Little River, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bush, Bryan and Mary, Mrs. Ned Hodgson, Mrs. Harrod; Manhattan, Mrs. Chas. Brewster; Mc Pherson, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bartter; Topeka Central, Mrs. George Epps; Whitewater, Mrs. Herman Bruhn, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eberhard, Mrs. Julia Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Shields, Mrs. Audine Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Strohmeyer, Rev. Louis Poppe; Wichita Fairmount, Mrs. Ted Combs.

We Share With Others

Recognition is in order for such an outstanding job in promoting service projects during the spring and summer quarters by the following church schools:

Seed Project - (We Plow the Fields) Garden City, $30.00; Great Bend, $42.56; Kansas City Welborn, $75.00; Lenora, $82.00; Russell, $20.00; Wakefield, $20.00; Whitewater, $20.00

Student Summer Service - Independence, $14.44; Kansas City First Pilgrim, $20.00; Kansas City Welborn, $52.24; Lenora, $5.00; Mound City, $26.27; Ottawa, $15.00; Stanley, $20.51; Topeka First, $12.11; Topeka Seabrook, $15.00.

A Busy Summer

For a number of summers Kansas has had young people from other states doing Student Summer Service in our churches. This year Evelyn Breeden of Oranga, Missouri and Phyllis MacDonald of Chester, New Hampshire and Schauffler College, have worked in the following places: Wakefield, Towanda, Independence, Wheaton, Hiawatha and Topeka Seabrook while Miss Evelyn Richards of Schauffler has spent the summer at Wichita Pilgrim.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President **Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary**

Officers' Planning Conference

As usual the officer's retreat went off with a bang. We put in a busy Sunday and Monday with business, planning and fellowship. We got inspiration from Miss Alice Huggins, a returned missionary from China; fellowship and ideas from the National Council delegates; and the feeling of enthusiasm from the plans made at the business meeting. Also, it was swell getting to know Lou Bender again. He had our evening worship service. Dick Williams, State Junior Hi Chairman, did a swell job leading our family devotions on Monday morning. I think we all went away eager to make this a great year for P.F. Special thanks go to Rymph's who so graciously turned their house over to us, and "Doc" Dull and Seaman Church for a wonderful meal and inspiring worship service held at the close of the retreat.

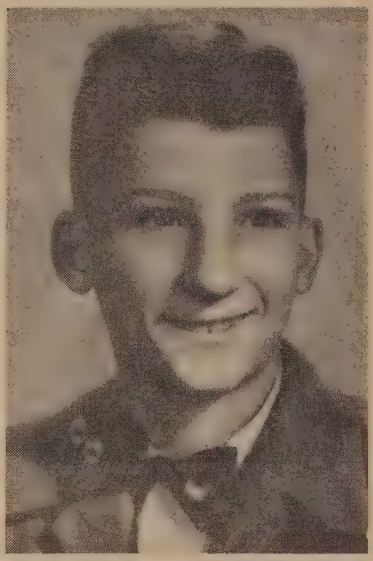
Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary

Doane Scholarship Recipient Thanks

To Congregational Kansasns:

I am a very happy recipient of the Kansas Conference's Doane College Scholarship which was awarded me quite unexepectedly by action of the Pilgrim Fellowship at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga. I wish to thank the P.F'ers for their choice of me and the conference budget committee and trustees for including the scholarship in the Kansas Conference budget. I trust that I may justify your confidence in me and that all may feel that hte money is a good investment, both for the college and the church. It certainly ties me to the church with stronger bonds.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Ogden, Osborne



Dick Williams
State Junior Hi Chairman

Southern Reports

Partridge P. F. assigns different topics from their program material to members. They print a small booklet giving the dates on which each member is supposed to have his or her program. The programs are planned by each leader who assigns parts to other members. Each program lasts forty-five minutes to an hour; after which they have recreation or business meeting. Bob Love, who reported says that since they have used this method of planning, their meetings have been much smoother and attendance better.

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This group sponsored by Mrs. David Wilson has made good use of Visual Helps in their programs.

Anthony P.F.'s summer time program is carried out in cooperation with other local youth groups in monthly Youth for Christ meetings. Every two weeks the group, including six churches, has an outing at some nearby picnic spot with swimming and games and ending with a well planned devotional service.

McPherson Sr., P.F. has met once a month this summer with the Jr. Hi group for a picnic or weiner roast at the parsonage fireplace. This has been followed by a devotional service and a movie.

Barbara Bell, Southern Secretary

Eastern Reports

Sabetha Senior P.F. had a retreat on Sunday afternoon August 24 when they made plans for the coming year. Their Junior Hi group has been meeting all summer with the expectation of August. August 3 they visited the Seneca Convelescent Home and conducted a devotional service for the patients. Mrs. Malcolm White gave the meditation.

Kansas City Welborn reports rethru Virginia McKean that their group which usually averages around forty has dwindled to fifteen or twenty during the summer, but has had interesting meetings. They will be sending news after school starts.

Manhattan's key man Don Wilbur is on a vacation on the west coast, but "Uncle Chuck" Brewster reports that their regular meetings will start in September, and they are looking forward to entertaining the Eastern Jr. Hi Rally come October 26. Did all you P.F.ers know that "Uncle Page" Twiss is stationed at Forbes A. F. Base in Topeka?

Nancy Mack, Eastern President announces that a team of P. F. organizers is available, on call, anywhere in the Association to help start or stimulate youth groups in the local chrches. The team of five with the help of "Aunt Polly" Bloomer and "Uncle Harald" Wisegarver has been preparing themselves thru reading and study so they can be of the most possible help. Any church desiring their help with the organization of a new group or the improvement of an old group may contact Nancy Mack or Uncle Harald .

Eastern Junior Hi Rally will be at Manhattan October 26 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. "Uncle Henry" Rust from Boston will be the guest leader. Big plans are being made. Don't miss it!

Roberta Mellinger,
Eastern Secretary

Thanks from the East

Dr. Truman B. Douglas writes a nice letter of thanks for the $366.82 sent from Senior Camp to help purchase a station wagon for Miss Leila Anderson's work.

Dr. Harold Belcher of the American Board wants us to pass on thanks to the Junior Hi Camp for the $352.95 sent for the work of Dr. Harold Hanlin and Morning Star VI.

It was great fun making our goals at camp and it brings great joy to have them so apprecited.

Orchids to Central

Again Central P.F. mimeographed and mailed both camp papers. Our sincere thanks to them an to their leader "Aunt Margaret" Epps.

Sends News

Association Secretaries are responsible for the news on these p.F. pages:

Southern—Barbara Bell, McPherson
Eastern—Roberta Mellinger, Milford
Western—Art Woodcock, Gaylord

Let them know what your group is doing by the middle of each month.

Calling ALL P F ers

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

October 25, 1952

PFers all over the United States are observing this day by working and dedicating their earnings to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

NOW IS THE TIME

To seek the cooperation of your minister.

To get announcements into church bulletins, local papers, on the radio, etc.

To solicit a job, if you do not have one, or get a committee at work. People need windows and cars washed, leaves raked, silver polished, cookies and cakes baked, painting and numerous other things done.

A WORLD IN NEED . . . . NEEDS YOU!!

Make This Your Story

Twenty young people of ———— Congregational-Christian Church are busy today. Ever since an early morning hour they have been coming and going to and from the jobs they lined for this Saturday. They started off with breakfast and a hymn and prayer; they'll finish up tonight with supper and a sort of party in the more informal style. Then, tomorrow, in the regular Sunday worship services, they'll bring their gifts to the communion table for a dedication service with everybody joining in to speed it on its way to help A WORLD IN NEED!

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

is the way we Congregational-Christian young people share the gifts we so steadily receive with those around the world who need our help. Just as God gives his great gifts to all who need them, so the gifts we give stop at no national boundaries and observe no racial barriers. They help wherever there is need. . . . .

YOUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Through Workdays for Christ in every Pilgrim Fellowship group across Kansas, you and you and you can help a world in need, can make OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION your own.

SEND GIFTS

To Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, as a love gift over and above your regular Missionary Action Pledge.

Kansas Laymen's Fellowship

Chester Bidleman, President **Charles Armstrong, Sec-Treas.**

Laymen's Retreat

It is not too late to plan to attend the Laymen's Retreat Saturday afternoon and evening, September 6 at Great Bend. This is an excellent apportunity for the laymen of the western part of the state. A good program concerning the work of the laymen in the church has been planned, and it can only be good, as the attendance is good. Information as to enrollment and other data has been mailed to ministers and key laymen.

New Constitution

A new constitution for the Laymen's Fellowship was adopted at the Emporia meeting in May. Among the provisions were: The presiding officer is to be called "President." The term of office for elected officers is to be two years without re-election until a term of two years has expired. The association officers are to be elected for the same term, with the first two year term to begin in 1953. The executive committee to consist of the three state officers and the two elected from each of the three associations. A total of nine members.

Laymen's Sunday

The Organized *United Church Men* is urging that October 19, 1952 be known as Laymen's Sunday. On this date the laymen are to have charge of the services and are to present church affairs from the loymen's viewpoint. Several of the larger denominations have declared their intentions to cooperate. The Kansas Laymen's Fellowship is asking the Congregational-Christian churches of this conference to have a layman conducted program on that date as far as it is possible. The laymen movement has made great progress in the past few years and this is a good opportunity to make it more effective. We belive when the minister and laymen begin to work together on a level of mutual interest, a new and deeper spirit within our churches will be found. The theme for Laymen's Sunday is, "*Rise Up, O Men of God*", the title of a song with which we are familiar. If anyone wishes help, they can be obtained by writing the Laymen's President at Kinsley.

General Council

Kansas Laymen attending the General Council at Claremont, California were, Frank Korab, Kansas City; Gordon Jones, Wichita; Elmer Wedell, Great Bend; William Manspeaker, Topeka; Chester Biddleman, Kinsley; Roscoe Graves of Emporia.

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Greetings from La Foret

Regional Laymen's and Women's Fellowship

August 12, 1952

"As you might expect, Kansas is giving a good account of herself here at LaForet. We are among the earliest arrivals, but a few had preceded us. Elmer Wedell of Great Bend was on hand as well as Mrs. McMullen, Mr and Mrs. Garrigues and Mr. and Mrs. Felton. We only wish that more of the younger people like the Felton's could be here to do us credit. Our first greetings came from Mrs. Yocum and Mrs. Strouse of Little River. The Tindal sisters and Mrs. E. C. Garrison from Osborne were soon on hand, also Mrs. Ray Tindal of Wichita Plymouth.

Of those registered as campers—

exclusive of leaders, we from Kansas constitute a third of the group, but I feel sure that we are adding even more than a third of the interesting discussions. The people from southern California are also quite vocal and their number is surprising, as there are six people in that group. Nebraska has a fair representation; there is one couple from S. Dakota, another from Oregon; a family from Seattle; a couple from New York; another from K.C., Mo. For international interest we have Shirley Lai from Honolulu and Diosdado Magdamo from the Philippines. If the leaders are included, even more states are represented as Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cashman, Paul Reynolds and Walter Schlaretzki are from Illinois and Walter Graham from Kentucky. Margaret Hargrove, of course, comes from New York.

The fellowship is inspirational and Mr. Epps and I are enjoying everything to the full. The accomodations are surprisingly good, the food excellent and the scenery beggars description. Today the sun has been warm enough to give to the air that aroma of the pine trees - so refreshing to us who know it so seldom. Pike's Peak this morning favored us with a perfect backdrop for out-of-door discussion groups. Of course, as is usual in the mountains, we now and then get a dash of rain, but this year it is especially acceptable to us Kansans.

We hope and pray that we may come home with spiritual refreshment enough to be evident to our fellow workers for the Kingdom."

Myrtle L. Epps (Mrs. F. W.)

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CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Lawrence Plymouth
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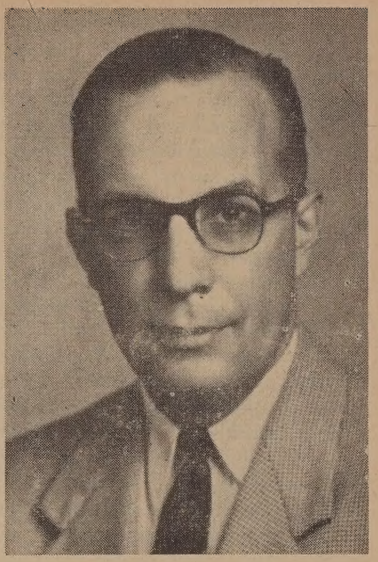

William E. Berger to Ottawa

" B's On the Move"

Around the first of September the Rev. Marvin Brown, who has been on leave of absence for study in Denver the past fifteen months, will return to his church at Garden City. The Rev. A. H. Bartter, interim minister at Garden City will begin a new .pastorate at McPherson. The Rev. Vernon Benson, recuperating from a serious illness will move from the McPherson Parsonage to 613 N. Main in McPherson. At about the same time, the Rev. O. E. Bonny will move from Anthony to begin leadership at our Kansas City Rosedale Church and the Rev. Wm. E. Berger will begin his pastorate in the Ottawa Federated Church.

Marvin Brown

The Rev. Mr. Brown, on returning to the Garden City church after taking graduate work at Iliff Seminary on his doctorate, will be setting a new pat-

tern of continued service to one church after intermittent breaks. He first came to the Garden City Church after graduating from Andover Newton in 1936. Early in 1940 he was called into the service as a chaplain. After more than five years serving in this capacity in the U.S.A., England and Africa, Marvin returned to the states to be recalled to the Garden City Church. A year ago he was granted a leave of absence from the church to take advantage of his G.I. rights for graduate work. During this interim he served as supply minister at First Plymouth Church in Denver, Colorado. H ereturns to Garden City with new zest for the work in the new building erected and dedicated under his second pastorate in this church. May this third term at Garden City be your best, is our earnest prayer, for this church is not only your dream church, but it again becomes your citadel of devotion.

Alfred Bartter

The Rev. and Mrs. Alfred H. Bartter have been serving the Garden City Church during the interim. Much credit is due the Bartters for the marked increase in Church School enrollment and quality of work being done in the total organizational life of this church. The McPherson Church, recognizing the worth of this pair, invited the Bartters to candidate at McPherson. The call was immediately extended and the Bartters begin their work at McPherson September 1. Prior to coming to this state, they served churches in Iowa and North Dakota and Mr. Bartter had been Assistant Superintendent, then acting State Superintendent in North Dakota. Mrs. Bartter served as President of Women's Work in the Iowa Conference and is equally capable in the work of Christian Education.

Vernon Benson

The Vernon Benson's have taken up residence at 613 N. Main in McPherson. Mrs. Benson is doing clerical work while Mr. Benson is convelescing. All Kansasns rejoice in the measure of recovery that Mr. Benson has made and wish him well in this period of lessened leadership activity. The disciplining experience of his prolonged illness has been to Mr. Benson a real test of faith. The Bensons wish to express their appreciation for the prayers and remembrances of friends. Stop and visit them if you can; it will bring a lift to you as well as to them.

William E. Berger

The Rev. and Mrs. Wm. E. Berger moved into the Ottawa Federated parsonage and began work there August 15. Pilgrim Fellowship people of a decade ago will remember Bill as he attended Eureka Lake Camps as a member of the Manhattan Church delegation. Mr. Berger served as Student Summer Service worker and pastor at Garfield prior to the war and went into the chaplaincy following his graduation from C.T.S in 1943. Following his release from the chaplaincy he served the Avoca Congregational Church in Nebraska while working for his doctorate in history at the University of Nebraska. Mrs. Berger is the former Margraet Flaxbeard of our Smith Center Church. The Berger's have one child, Michael.

Oscar Bonny

The Rev. Mr. Bonny, after a four year pastorate in our Anthony Church, has been called to Rosedale in Kansas City. In addition to giving strong leadership in Athony, Mr. Bonny traveled extensively throughout the state and

Bonny's to Rosedale

neighboring states for UNESCO and church meetings relating the story of his European visit.

Mr. Bonny was born in Poland, interned in Siberia, migrated to Canada, thence to U.S., received his A.B. at Sioux Falls, his B.D. at Rochester and an M.A. at Oberlin. Helen Linquist, his wife, grew up in our Lawrence Church, graduated from the Oberlin School of Music with honors and brings to the Rosedale Church added leadership in this field. The Bonny's have three children. A reception is set for them at Rosedale on the 18th of September.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Alice Beven
Muscotah Ladies' Society

Mrs. Alice Beven
Lawrence Plymouth Women

Hughes Improved

In our June issue we reported the illness of our friend the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes of our Colonial Church in Prairie Village. After a couple of weeks in the hospital and a couple of weeks in bed at home, Mr. Hughes was able to go to Michigan for a month's rest. They returned August first and he says he will be on full time schedule beginning September 1.

Foreign Mission Project

Manhattan Church has accepted a part in an Agricultural Mission project in the Philippines on the Island of Mindanao. This new work is being started this year by the Rev. and Mrs. Guy A. Thelin. Mrs. Thelin spoke at Manhattan this spring. She and her husband were located at Foochow, China for more than twenty years. They were under the Comunist rule the last year. She says, "It was a highly educational experience for us to spend 13 months behind the Bamboo Curtain. We are sadder and wiser for it. However, in spite of everything we saw and heard we still think China is the Land of the Three T's - a Tremedous past, a Turbulent present, and a Thrilling Future.

On Radio

The Rev. Waldo Crippen of Milford, under the sponsorship of the Junction City Ministerial Alliance, gave a series of radio talks over KJCK in June. His topics were, "Our Way," "Our Law," "Our Power," "Our Book," and "Our Reward."

It's A Girl

The Rev. and Mrs. George Fisk of Wichita Fairmount, announce the arrival of Madelyn Michelle on July 2. This makes three girls and one boy for the Fisks.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

A Minister Reflects

We've a good thing here at Kansas City First Pilgrim. We have the finest organist and music in town, a nucleus of lay leadership that is exceptional and the very salt of the earth, a select group of high school young people who are destined to shed honor and glory upon their training here, a growing Sunday School which is second to none in the quality of its teachers, a Sunday service which is short and to the point and grounded in prayer and the Word of God, a beautiful place of worship, and a job for everyone.

God is on the march here at First Pilgrim. Will you follow in His Train?"

Rev. Theodore N. Goodale

Mound Echoes

The Rev. and Mrs. Heinz Schwarz who began work at Blue Mound and Mound City early this summer immediately got under way with their monthly newsletter under the caption, "Mound Echoes." Such publications are a great help to the church program.

Pauline

Under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. George Taylor, a Vacation Church School was held in July. A large group from the community attended the final program on July 13. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are making more than a hundred calls each month in this air-base community where ours is the only church.

Tonganoxie

The Rev. Archie Toothaker is enjoying a three month's vacation from his regular church duties in the Congregational Church in Tonganoxie. He was official delegate to the National Conference in Claremont, California in June. He also paid visits to his children in California and Colorado. He is now spending several weeks in old Mexico. During the absence of Mr. Toothaker, the Rev. Robert Kasper, recently of the Yale Divinity School supplied his pulpit on June 22. Mrs. Kasper is the former Shirley Frienmuth of Tonganoxie. The pulpit was supplied in July and August by the Rev. Hugo Hollerorth, who is doing clinical work at the Topeka State Hospital.

New Parsonage

Emporia Church purchased a larger and more adequate parsonage for the Steve Williams family. They moved in mid-July and young Dick reports that the three boys will have the whole third floor for their own. The house is at 615 W. 15th